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AMERICA WANTS AMERICANS FIRST AND ALL THE TIME

Thinking Americans are Demanding
Line-up of U. S. Citizens With-
out Regard to Race.

More than a year ago President Wilson called upon us, one and all, to observe "personal neutrality." How certain hyphenated Americans have taken this appeal to heart may be observed from the fact that the president was forced more recently to demand a line-up—a separation, so to speak, of the sheep and goats. A miniature judgment day was suggested with the American Americans standing on one side, and the hyphenated Americans—those who set the interests of their home land country above those of their adoption—on the other.

Speaking before the Daughters of the American Revolution at Washington, the chief executive said:

"I am not deceived as to the balance of opinion among the foreign-born citizens of the United States, but I am in a hurry to have an opportunity to have a line-up and let the men who are thinking first of other countries stand on one side—biblically it should be the left—and all those that are for America first, last and all the time on the other side."

Quite as forcibly expressed was Colonel Roosevelt's utterance before the Knights of Columbus, when the former president took occasion to declare:

"For an American citizen to vote as a German-American, an Irish-American or an English-American is to be a traitor to American institutions and those hyphenated Americans who terrorize American politicians by threats of the foreign vote are engaged in treason to the American republic."

Thus, a national slogan—it will be more than a democratic campaign slogan—has been given to the country. "America first, last and for all time!" The time has arrived, in the opinion of most editors, to determine whether the big melting pot is really the caldron it is represented to be, or if it is a mere soup tureen filled up with particles of all nations. The newspapers are unanimous in their demand that the hyphen must go if we are to continue as a people.

"A splendid lesson in patriotism," the Philadelphia Enquirer characterizes Mr. Wilson's speech. "His knife is merciless," observes the New York Evening World; "the hyphen at last comes clean away." "President Wilson gave voice," the Atlanta Journal tells us, "to the weightiest principle that now rests on the country's conscience and thought." Those who are not thinking of America first, suggests the Duluth News-Tribune, "should be made to feel the discipline of ostracism."

Says the Chicago Journal: "For fourteen months a well-paid, well-organized crew of hyphenated hewlers has been trying to put America last, to subordinate American interests and American principles to the wishes and needs of certain foreign powers. That treasonable attempt has not succeeded, but it has not been crushed. It can not be crushed unless loyal citizens are as alert and as resolved in patriotism as these subsidized schemers are in sedition."

"The sedition mongers who are trying to turn this country into a colony and an ally of despotism must find no society to countenance them, no party to treat with them, no candidate who will ask for their favors, no newspaper to plead their cause. We must create in this country an atmosphere in which treason cannot breathe—or we shall have the consequences of treason brought home to us in the years which lie close ahead."

"We cannot have this line-up too soon," declares the New York World, "and the result cannot be allowed to

remain in doubt. Either an overwhelming majority of American citizens, regardless of their racial origin, are for America, 'first, last and all the time,' or the republic is a failure and all the blood that was shed in the Revolutionary War and in the Civil War was shed in vain."

In the opinion of the Detroit News only a true American has any right to wear a hyphen at all. It continues:

"A German who is not an American is not even a German-American. An Englishman who is not an American is not even an Anglo-American. An Italian that is not an American is not even an Italo-American. A Frenchman that is not an American is not even a French-American. A Pole who is not an American is not even a Polish-American. A Spaniard who is not an American is not even a Spanish-American. Germans, Englishmen, Italians, Frenchmen, Poles, Spaniards, by birth they may be, but when they add that hyphen it means, if it means anything, that they have added American principles, American ideals, American convictions, American tasks to their lives."

"The hyphen gets its full value not from what precedes it but from what follows it. The word 'American' governs all the rest."

"The national name that precedes the hyphen tells what a man is in the flesh. The national name that follows the hyphen tells what a man is in the spirit."

According to the Brooklyn Eagle, the United States has come to a sad pass when it is necessary to deter-

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NEWS GIVES MARKET REPORTS

Beginning this week The News will establish a new department which we believe will prove highly beneficial to our country readers. Each week we will quote prices on eggs, butter, poultry, hides, etc., taking the quotations from Clayton dealers just before going to press.

Ed Alderson of near George's school house, is reported very ill with la grippe.

Frank Hutchinson, who is employed at Kenton, spent Sunday with his father, J. H. Hutchinson.

J. B. Alexander and son of Wanette, spent Friday in Clayton.

Mrs. Matias L. Casados, wife of County Commissioner Matias L. Casados, is reported very ill.

Mrs. H. H. Edmondson returned Wednesday from a visit in Canyon, Texas, with her sister, Mrs. Joe Steele.

O. S. Johnson of Thomas, was attending to business and trading in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. E. J. Dennis, who has been assisting Dr. Winchester in the hospital, left on Thursday for Albuquerque.

G. C. Smith left this week on a business trip to Wheaton, Missouri.

Fred Bone, the contractor who has charge of the work on the Herstein building, returned Wednesday from Amarillo.

D. C. Traister of the Bucyeros country, spent several days in the city this week.

W. R. Martin, one of our good subscribers in the Cimarron community, was a Clayton visitor Friday.

H. M. Foster, one of the leading citizens and ranchers of the Barney country, was a business visitor in the county capital Thursday.

W. B. Plunkett of Moses, transacted business in Clayton Friday.

Mrs. F. P. McClary of Wanette, was shopping in the county seat Friday.

BUSINESS IS RUSHING AT U. S. LAND OFFICE

200 Filings During November and
Patents for 12,414 Acres of
New Mexico Land

The Clayton U. S. Land Office continues to do—well the proverbial "land office business at the same old stand." The wisecracks who had it figured out that the government land business would be out before the end of the year evidently omitted some important items from their calculations.

According to Paz Valverde, register of the U. S. Land Office, there were 200 filings for homesteads during the month of November, aggregating 30,042.87 acres. There were patents issued during the same month for 12,414.10 acres.

Nearly every filing means that a resident of some other state learned the error of his way and came to the sunshine country to share its prosperity.

In addition to the government land the state is offering attractive propositions to home-seekers and the sale of this land is going on all the time. But before many moons these bargains will be gone.

268 FORD CARS SOLD BY LOCAL FIRM SINCE 1909

Pioneer Man Says Farmers are Big-
gest Buyers and Mostly Respon-
sible for Growth of Business

Since September 15, 1915, forty-five Fords have been sold by the Pioneer Garage. This firm, said Manager J. Allen Wikoff, has contracted for 85 more to be delivered in Clayton before August 1st, 1916.

As wonderful as the growth of the automobile business has been in the past ten years it is doubtful if any place in the west exemplifies the remarkable strides in motor car industry in a greater degree than in Union county. But a few years ago Union county was classed as a "cow country" and Clayton as a "cow town." Even five years ago homesteaders were classed as the minority. To sell 100 cars of any particular brand in one year with 75 per cent of them going to the rural districts, is conclusive evidence that Union county has many farmers and that said farmers are prospering.

Mr. Wikoff showed The News reporter the sales of Fords for each year for the time the Pioneer has been distributor for the car. Counting by years, from August 1st, the sales have been: 1909, 4 cars; 1910, 12 cars; 1911, 20 cars; 1912, 12 cars; 1913, 22 cars; 1914, 40 cars; 1915, 50 cars and 1916 until December 1st, 35 cars with contracts for 85 to come. Total 268 cars.

The Pioneer Garage carries a stock of accessories that is not surpassed even in the big cities. "If a Ford drifts in in such condition that we cannot fix it there is certainly small hope for it," said Mr. Wikoff. We have every part right here in this stock room, each part is filed by number, and can be located at a moment's notice. From the smallest screw to the big parts tops, wind-shields, engines, tires—everything."

The garage is under the management of J. Allen Wikoff, L. A. Wikoff and Mrs. E. B. Wikoff. An able corps of machinists handle the mechanical end.

Next week The News man is going to visit other Clayton garages and chronicle the local progress of the many other makes of cars that are sold.

And you will notice that The News continues to "scoop" its contemporary on every real live story of local interest. Of course you want The News, because The News prints The News.

Oroceo Slayer to Wed Trinidad Girl

Trinidad, Dec. 2.—To claim the hand of a Trinidad girl, Miss Ira North, to whom he will be married this week, Arthur Visners, of the government secret service, Lieutenant of Co. A, Texas Rangers, the man who on August 3, last, shot and killed General Pascual Oroceo, noted Mexican revolutionary leader, is in Trinidad. Lieut. Visners who has been one of the leaders of Uncle Sam's boys in putting down the Mexican bandits on the border, would talk little today about the incident which made him famous throughout the country.

Lieut. Visners, a tall, robust specimen of American manhood, led the force of Texas rangers sent out to stop the depredations of outlaws on the Rio Grande. On August 3, a band was encountered near Faban, Texas, led by Oroceo, who was a conspicuous figure in the Madero revolution that sent Diaz into exile. A battle resulted and Visners was shot in the shoulder. Dismounting from his horse and crawling along rocks Visners got a line on the bandit chief and fired the shot that ended his career as an outlaw and revolutionist. Oroceo fell with three bullets in his body.

Visner arrived a couple of days ago on a short leave of absence. His principal business here was to arrange the details of his wedding to Miss North, whom he met first eight years ago in Des Moines, Iowa, and with whom he has ever since corresponded.

Texline Mercant Thwarts Robbery by Shooting

Bob Bender, who gives his home as Syracuse, New York, was shot in the left shoulder when he with three pals attempted to burglarize the A. L. Stone Mercantile Company at Texline. According to reports the attempt took place about 10 p. m. Wednesday evening. Mr. Stone was in the store at the time and opened fire on the prowlers. He fired three times, only one shot taking effect. It is reported that Bender is fatally injured. Two of the gang made their getaway. The injured one was found near the railroad track in company with another who refused to desert his pal. Both were taken to Dalhart to await preliminary hearing.

Barnhart Buys Partner's Interest

H. J. Hilgers of Hilgers & Barnhart, has disposed of his interest in that popular grocery establishment to his partner, W. C. Barnhart. The partnership firm has prospered for two years under the management of these two men, but Mr. Hilgers decided he would devote his entire time to the cattle business, hence sold his interest. Mr. Barnhart says the store will be conducted along the same lines as before, soliciting everybody's business and giving them a square deal.

BUYS A MAXWELL

J. J. Herringa of Pasamonte, one of Union county's prosperous business men, is the owner of a new Maxwell which he purchased of the Clayton Garage and Auto Co.

GONZALES BARN BURNS

Max Gonzales' barn was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. The blaze was confined to the barn and no damage was done aside from the building.

Wanted Boarders, real home cooking. Inquire Mrs. R. L. Liggett. It

Mrs. Sam Brown and baby were thrown from a wagon at the home near Pennington when the team Mrs. Brown was driving became frightened and turned the wagon over. The box caught Mrs. Brown's foot and pinned her to the ground until assistance arrived. Her foot was badly crushed but her physician reports her slowly improving. The baby was uninjured.

CLAYTON TO HAVE NEW MODERN HOSPITAL SOON

A Thirty Room Concrete or Brick
Building to be Erected in
the Spring.

Clayton took another good sized step ahead this week with the announcement that Dr. J. M. Winchester is soon to erect a modern 30 room hospital. Architects are now working on the plans for the building. Dr. Winchester says he has not decided what medium to employ in the construction but he favors concrete or brick.

"The hospital," said Dr. Winchester, "will be 32x80 feet, with two floors. The first floor will be about three feet below the level of the ground. On this floor will be the offices and perhaps the operating rooms. The wards will be on the second floor, 20 rooms."

The architects are instructed to design the building along lines of the most modern hospitals. Dr. Winchester says that work will probably not begin before spring. The new building will be erected on the site now occupied by the Winchester hospital.

Nobody Loves Us.

It is the duty of every American citizen to stand by his country now, for it is certain that, with the exception of Americans, nobody loves America. It may be that the Belgians do, but outside of that country and our own it is sure that we are not liked.

It has all happened because we have been disposed to insist upon the observance of our rights, and those of the other Nations of the world that are not engaged in the occupation of tearing each other to pieces.

We have every right to make arms and munitions of war for any and all who have the money to purchase them. Because we exercise that right Germany and Austria, who have always done exactly what we are doing, dislike us.

Great Britain seems to have taken unwarrantable liberties with our shipping on high seas. Because we have protested there seems to be a growing dislike for us in Great Britain.

Russia does not love us as she once did, because she believes we favored the Japanese in the Manchurian war, and there is no doubt that the sympathies of the American people were with Japan in that struggle.

Japan does not like us because we have shown that we do not like the Japanese—and that is as good a reason for disliking us as any people need ask for.

For some reason or other the American people have always been misunderstood abroad. Possibly it is for the reason that when he talks he says much that he does not really mean, and that when he acts he is cold, shrewd, calculating, and takes no action he is not prepared to make good. This sort of man is incomprehensible to the natives of the older countries, and nobody ever loves anybody he can not understand.

That may be the exact reason why we are not liked, but it will answer the inquiry as well as another. The fact remains that we are not popular—and we are nice people, too.

However, we must take the condition as we have made it and as we find it. It behooves us to get ready all sorts of things against the day when somebody will tell us specifically just why he does not love us, and what he proposes to do to us because of his love of affection.

There is only one thing more difficult in this world than being honest or neutral, and that is being honest and neutral. The man or the country which really succeeds in this almost impossible task will have enemies enough. It will just naturally please nobody.—San Antonio (Tex.) Light.